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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM OF JULY 9 SENT INFO AMEMBASSIES ADDIS ABABA,
BUJUMBURA, KIGALI, AND NAIROBI IS REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION QUOTE

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SUBJECT: BURUNDI, RWANDAN AND UGANDAN REPRESENTATIVES CELEBRATE
SABA SABA IN BUKOBA

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1. TWELVE DELEGATES FROM BURUNDI, SIX FROM RWANDA AND SEVEN
FROM UGANDA ACCEPTED INVITATION BY REGIONAL COMMISSIONER BUKOBA
TO ATTEND SABA SABA (JULY 7) CELEBRATIONS IN BUKOBA, CAPITAL OF
WEST LAKE REGION IN TANZANIA ON SHORES OF LAKE VICTORIA.
DELEGATIONS, WHICH ARRIVED AFTERNOON-EVENING JULY 5 FOR
CELEBRATIONS CMMEMORATING FOUNDING OF TANU, TANZANIA'S SOLE
POLITICAL PARTY, WERE EACH ASSIGNED ONE OR TWO TANZANIAN ESCORT
OFFICERS WHO ACCOMPANIED DELEGATES ON THEIR VISITS TO SABA SABA
FAIRGROUNDS AND TO LOCAL SIGHTSEEING, E.G. NEARLY COMPLETED NEW
PORT FACILITY FOR BUKOBA AT ADJACENT KEMONDO BAY. DCM, WHO
VISITING BUKOBA AT SAME HIME, WAS INCLUDED WITH OTHER DELEGATES
AND GIVEN SIMILAR VIP TREATMENT.

2. THERE IS CURRENTLY HENUOUS PEACE BETWEEN THESE FOUR
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COUNTRIES OF CENTRAL AFRICA. ALL DELEGATES MADE REAL EFFORT

TO DEEPEN PERSONAL TIES AND THEREBY FURTHER STRENGTHEN
PEACEFUL RELATIONS OF THEIR COUNTRIES. HEADS OF DELEGATIONS
OR EQUIVALENT IN THESE REGIMES, AND SENIOR PROVINCIAL MILITARY
REPRESENTATIVES. COLONEL M. MARQA, BUKOBA REGIONAL COMMISSIONER,
WAS FIRMLY IN CONTROL PRMGRAM AND TOOK SPECIAL MEASURES TO
ASSURE NO RPT NO PROTOCOL FOUL-UPS--AND THERE WERE NONE.

3. COMMENT: COLONEL MARWA'S EFFORTS TO MAKE UGANDA DELEGATES,
AS WELL AS OTHER DELEGATES, FEEL WELCOME CONTRASTED
MARKEDLY WITH HANDLING UGANDAN FONMIN AT SABA SABA CELEBRATIONS
IN DAR ES SALAAM (REFTEL). THOUGH UGANDAN DELEGATES HAD MOST
DIFFICULTY COPING BECAUSE THEY NEITHER SPOKE SWAHILI OR FRENCH,
NEVERTHELESS THEY SEEMED MORE AT EASE WITH THEIR TANZANIAN
HOSTS THAN RWANDAN OR BURUNDI REPRESENTATIVES. GENERAL
AMBIANCE BETWEEN ALL DELEGATES, HOWEVER, WAS GOOD, INDICATIVE
TENUOUS NATURE STABILITY THIS AREA WAS DELIVERY TO DCM OF
LETTER TO EMBASSY BY TWO YOUNG BURUNDI REFUGEES REQUESTING USG
SUPPLY ARMS, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO
BURUNDI QTE PEOPLES LIBERATION FRONTUNQUOTE. TRIP REPORT BEING
SENT BY POUCH. CARTER UNQUOTE
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